



## **Minutes Committee for Youth, Families and Community January 26, 2009**

Minutes of the Committee for Youth, Families and Community held on January 26, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the Tempe Public Library Tempe Connections Program Room, 3500 S. Rural Road 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Tempe, Arizona.

**MEMBERS Present:**

Trish Miller, Community Bridges  
Ginae Klasek, Peer Solutions  
Barb Fries, Tempe Elementary School District  
Joe Spracale, Tempe Impact Education Foundation

**MEMBERS Absent:**

Samantha Heinrich, Kyrene School District  
Vic Cordts, Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley  
Mark Werschting, Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department  
Rebecca Bond, Tempe Connections  
Sandra McNally, EMPACT—SPC  
Lynette Stonefeld, Tempe/Kyrene Communities In Schools  
Randy Lazar, Tempe Union High School District

**City Staff Present:**

Kim Bauman, Community Services – Social Services  
Tim Cox, Community Services - Social Services  
Brandon Banks, Tempe Police Department

**Guests Present:**

Lisa Merrin, Tempe Union High School District (attending for member Randy Lazar)  
Melissa Zeller, Child Protective Services

**Meeting convened at 9:35 a.m.**

**Agenda Item 1:** Tim Cox called the meeting to order.

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**Agenda Item 2: Minutes from December 15, 2008 Meeting**

The minutes from December 15, 2008 were reviewed.

**MOTION:** Trish Miller motioned to approve the minutes.

**SECOND:** Joe Spracale seconded the motion.

**COMMITTEE CONSENSUS:** Minutes were approved.

**Agenda Item 3 – Child Protective Services**

Melissa Zeller, Child Protective Services provided information of the following Child Protective Services Community Partnerships:

- 1) Family to Family is funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and attempts to reduce the number and rate of children placed away from their families. If placement is required they make every attempt to place the child in their community.
- 2) Team Decision Making attempts to involve as many family members, other interested parties, and a community representative in placement and custody decisions. CPS is seeking interested community volunteers.
- 3) A Family Resource Fair will be provided on February 26<sup>th</sup> 3:30-6:00 p.m. at Thew Elementary School. 25 to 30 organizations will be joining CPS at the fair. The goal is to reach out to the community and provide resources to families. They anticipate 400 to 500 people will attend the fair.

**Agenda Item 4 – Communities for Kids Update**

An update was not provided at this meeting.

**Agenda Item 5 – Magellan Prevention Grant Update**

Kim Bauman, City of Tempe, Barb Fries, Tempe Elementary School District, and Ginae Klasek, Peer Solutions provided a brief update on the community planning process to address underage drinking. Turnout has been very positive with 35 community members who have consistently attended the monthly meetings. The committee is still brainstorming the most effective ways to address underage drinking.

**Agenda Item 6 – Other Grant and Program Updates**

- 1) Trish Miller, Community Bridges announced that Community Bridges provides free Emerging Drug Trends presentations to school staff, parent groups, rotary clubs, and to other interested adult organizations. The minimum one hour presentation can be provided in English and Spanish. Please contact her if you are interested.
- 2) Tim Cox, City of Tempe reported that Tempe Union High School District (TUHSD) is planning to apply for a Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant. They are having a planning meeting tomorrow at 10 a.m. at the district office. The district is looking for partners on the grant and also at available resources.
- 3) Brandon Banks, Tempe Police Department provided updated City of Tempe drug related arrests for the entire calendar year of 2008. Juvenile drug-related arrests decreased by 9% from calendar year 2007.

**Agenda Item 7 – Announcements**

- 1) Kim Bauman, City of Tempe announced the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission presented their Youth Town Hall Report to the TUHSD Governing Board on January 21<sup>st</sup> where it was very favorably received. Tim Cox, City of Tempe reported that he and Randy Lazar, TUHSD spoke late last week to discuss the report recommendations and what services are already being provided by the City to the District.

- 2) **Joe Spracale, Tempe Impact Education Foundation** announced the TIE Foundation's Preschool Fund Raiser will be held on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at the Shalimar Country Club. Tickets are \$30 per person. Please contact Joe or the Tempe Elementary School District if you are interested in attending.

**Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items**

- Please contact Tim Cox for future program presentations.
- Please contact Kim Bauman for future agenda items.

The committee's next meeting will be on **February 23, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.**

Prepared by: Kim Bauman

  
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Kathy Berzins/Chair